Art Exhibition Title: The Work of Creation - Kazi Ghiyasuddin Venue: Bengal Shilpalay, Dhanmondi Date: April 5 - May 18 Time: 12 pm - 8 pm



Art Exhibition and Workshop Title: Art for the soul: Summer lenue: The create space, Date: May 3; Time: 12 pm - 6 pm



Fountain Exhibition Title: Duets in Metal and Water Venue: Gulshan Society Lake Park Date: April 20 - May 4 Time: 10 am - 7:30 pm



(From left) Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Zihan Karim.



Award winners, distinguished guests and short-listed artists at the programme.

Aminul Islam Young Artists Award 2018 conferred

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Artist Aminul Islam (1931-2011) is amongst the first generation artists and a leading member of the pioneering modern art movement in Bangladesh. To preserve his memory, his family introduced the Aminul Islam Young Artists Award in 2013. Two young artists are selected biennially for their contributions to the arts and honoured with the Aminul Islam Young Artists Award worth BDT 1,00,000 each. Bengal Foundation administers and oversees the award-giving ceremony.

Recently at Bengal Shilpalay, two young artists Mizanur Rahman

Chowdhury and Zihan Karim received the Aminul Islam Young Artists Award 2018 at a programme. An Honourable Mention Award was given to Sarkar Protik as well.

Art writer and critic Professor Nazrul Islam, Shishir Bhattacharjee, Chairperson of the Department of Drawing and Painting, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, Ruby Islam, wife of artist Aminul Islam, and Abul Khair, Chairman of Bengal Foundation, were present at the ceremony and handed over the awards to the winners. Luva Nahid Choudhury, Director General, Bengal Foundation, hosted the programme.

The winners of the award were shortlisted and selected by an independent jury. For the award of 2018, the application deadline was December 20, 2018 and after the preliminary selection, ten shortlisted candidates were selected from the applicants. The names of the artists are: M A Raihan, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Munem Wasif, Palash Bhattacharjee, Reetu Sattar, Sarker Protick, Sharad Das, Soma Surovi Jannat, Shounak Das and Zihan Karim.

Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury has an interdisciplinary artistic practice that includes installation, video, collage, sculpture, performance and photography. He completed his BFA

and MFA from the University of Dhaka. His group exhibitions include Dhaka Art Summit 2018, Entangled Reality 2018 in Vienna, Tasher Desh 2017 in Dhaka and Self Identity 2016 in Dhaka. Mizanur won the Samdani Art Award at Dhaka Art Summit (DAS) 2018.

On the other hand, Zihan Karim has been working in various mediums for a long time, especially in installation and video art. He completed his BFA and MFA from Institute of Fine Arts, Chittagong University, where he is currently working as a lecturer. Zihan won the Honourable Mention Award at the 15th Asian Art Biennale in 2012.

BUBLY'S new 'Password'

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Actor Bubly came into the limelight after her first film Bossgiri was released. Her journey in the showbiz world has been a remarkable one since then. The actor is currently working on her upcoming film, Password. The film, also starring Sakib Khan, is directed by Malek

Afsari. It will feature four songs.

"We will start filming the songs soon," says Bubly. "I do not want to reveal too much about the story. However, I think that our cast and crew will offer something incredible to the audience."

Password is expected to release this upcoming Eid.





Honouring Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin and indigenous terracotta artists

SHABABA IQBAL In honour of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin and the indigenous terracotta artists of our country, a beautiful exhibition titled, Putul: Banglar Pran-Protima by Samina Nafis, concluded at Bangladesh National Museum recently. A book of the same title was also launched at the event. It was organised by Mritrikar Agrajatra, in collaboration with Zainul Abedin's son, Moinul Abedin and UDECO Limited. The book and exhibition was the outcome of 32 months of research by Samina, who completed her MA in Fine Arts from University of Chittagong. She has a keen

interest in rural pottery and has developed unique compositions that have been featured in national and international exhibitions. She mostly works with folk artists and their creations.

575 dolls and toys made of clay by 45 native craftsmen and artisans from Mymensingh, Netrokona, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Kishoreganj and Tangail were featured at the exhibition. Samina collected the dolls and toys from different village fairs during the field research. Valuable doll collections of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin were also included in the book and exhibition. Several of Abedin's paintings reveal the influence of indigenous clay dolls in his

works. A documentary film on the artisans was screened as well. Chandra Shekhar Shaha, one of the pathfinders in modern crafting and textile design in Bangladesh, and Tasmima Hossain, the editor of the women's magazine, Annanya, took part in a discussion session at the event. Among other distinguished guests, Gollam Kibria, the present director of Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Badruddoza Chowdhury, the executive director of Akij Group and Moinul

Abedin were also present. Artisans Shobha Rani Pal, Gobinda Chandra Pal, Romen Chandra Pal and Liton Chandra Pal graced the occasion with their

presence.

SUBIR NANDI flown to Singapore



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Ailing singer Subir Nandi was flown to Singapore for treatment recently under direct orders from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Asharaful Alam Khokon, Deputy Press Secretary to the Prime Minister, confirmed The Daily Star of the

development. Subir Nandi, was undergoing treatment at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka, and was later flown via an air ambulance.

Singers Kumar Bishwajit, Tapan Chowdhury, Rafiqul Alam and eminent surgeon Dr Samanta Lal Sen earlier met the premier and informed her on the latest condition of Subir

Nandi. Subir Nandi was taken to the CMH

on April 14 after he fell ill while

returning to Dhaka from Srimangal by a train.

He vomited several times and complained of severe pain in the throat during the journey. The singer suffered a cardiac arrest soon after he was taken to the CMH emergency

department. Following frantic efforts for 2-4 minutes, his heart started working again and he was put on life support and shifted to the intensive care unit

(ICU), the ISPR release said. Subir Nandi underwent a bypass surgery in the USA in 2013 for critical triple vessel coronary artery disease and had an angioplasty in the USA earlier this year.

There was too much potassium in his blood before he suffered the cardiac arrest at the CMH emergency unit, the ISPR release said.



'4 Decades of Feedback' was a grand celebration of the completion of 40 years by one of Bangladesh's most illustrious bands, Feedback at ICCB. The concert featured vintage, current and original lineups of Feedback, including tributes from Miles, Warfaze, Artcell and Dalchhut. In the picture, the vintage lineup of Feedback is performing. PHOTO: AVIPSU DAS GUPTA

